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For: POWDERS, FLAKES, OR PELLETS  
CONTAINING SALTS OF  $\alpha$ -SULFO FATTY  
ACID ALKYL ESTERS IN HIGH  
CONCENTRATIONS, PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCTION THEREOF, GRANULATED  
DETERGENTS, AND PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCTION THEREOF

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.